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FROM AMBASSADOR IN ALEXANDRIA

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OREP (DERWINSKI, EDWARD J.)
SUBJECT: CODEL DERWINSKI

REF: STATE 184077 AND PREVIOUS

1. AS DEPT AWARE, EMBASSY CAIRO AND CONGEN ALEXANDRIA HAVE BEEN TRYING FINALIZE CODEL SCHEDULE, ESPECIALLY MEETINGS WITH SADAT, FAHMY, LAILA TAKLA, RUSHDI SAID AND SAYED MAREI WHICH CODEL REQUESTED. SOME OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SHUTTling BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA, WHICH HAS MADE IT DIFFICULT PIN THEM DOWN.

2. HAVE TODAY LEARNED THAT AMBASSADOR GHORBAL HAS ALSO BEEN IN THE ACT. HE HAS APPARENTLY SENT CABLE TO SAYED MARCI REQUESTING APPOINTMENTS FOR CODEL WITH CABINET MINISTERS AND SOMEONE AT PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN DOING THIS WITHOUT COORDINATING WITH EMBASSY OR WITH MFA. IN FACT, FAHMY'S OFFICE, WHICH WOULD NORMALLY RECEIVE GHORBAL'S MESSAGE, PROFESSES TO KNOW NOTHING ABOUT ANY SUCH REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENTS. AT LEAST ONE SUCH APPOINTMENT HAD ALREADY BEEN SCHEDULED THROUGH PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY PROTOCOL OFFICE AT A TIME WHEN
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3. AS WE HAVE FREQUENTLY INDICATED IN PAST, EGYPTIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON INVOLVEMENT IN SCHEDULING CODEL MEETINGS INEVITABLY CREATES CONFUSION. WE CANNOT, OF COURSE, STOP EGYPTIAN EMBASSY FROM PUTTING ITS OAR IN, BUT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN SUCH INSTANCES IF DEPT COULD LET US KNOW WHAT EGYPTIAN EMBASSY

HAS SUGGESTED AND TO WHOM ITS MESSAGE WAS SENT.WITHOUT
SUCH INFO JOB OF COORDINATING CODEL VISITS WITH GOE IS MADE
THAT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT.

4. NOR DID ANY PREVIOUS DEPT MESSAGE RE CODEL DERWINSKI
VISIT INDICATE DESIRE ON PART CODEL TO MEET WITH ANY OTHER
CABINET MINISTERS BESIDES FAHMY. BECAUSE ONE SUCH APPOINT-
MENT ALREADY ARRANGED BY PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY PROTOCOL OFFICE,
WE HAVE RETAINED IT (MINECON HAMID EL-SAYEH), THOUGH WE HAVE
HAD TO CHANGE TIME T 1400, AUGUST 13, WHICH MEANS ONLY ABOUT
TWO HOURS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CODEL'S DESIRED MEETINGS
WITH FS PERSONNEL.

5. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE OTHER MEETINGS WITH MINISTERS
IF CODEL DESIRES, BUT NOTE THAT CODEL'S TIME IN EGYPT WILL BE
RELATIVELY SHORT AND MUCH OF IT WILL BE TAKEN UP SHUTTILING
BETWEEN CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA AND BACK AND VISIT TO SFM. IN
ORDER AVOID FURTHER CONFUSION AND CONFLICTS, PLEASE ADVISE
IF CODEL HAS ANY OTHER WISHES RE MEETINGS WITH OTHER
EGYPTIAN MINISTERS. CHASE

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